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GREAT MODERN

COLOSSUS,

Begun by K. C———; Carry'd on by
K. J———; Augmented by K. W———;
And now Finish'd, and thrown down in the
Glorious R—— of Q. A——.

*So may the Man of ignominious Might,
(If such there be) come tumbling headlong down!
Whose Gratitude betray'd the Father's Throne,
And dares dispute the Daughter's Sacred Right.*

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NEVER were Arts and Sciences brought to that Height of Improvement as at this Day; tho' still, as we grow in Knowledge, we seem to go backward in the right Use and Application of it, as if Fate had ordain'd us to be the Foolisher for Wisdom; and our Forefathers, (who had not the Benefit of so much Experience as this Age might be happy in, notwithstanding that great Disadvantage) have transmitted their Characters down with that Lustre of true Honour and Virtue, which I am afraid we shall never be able to bequeath to Posterity: One wou'd think Contradiction govern'd the World, and that we were really the Poorer for being Rich; for it is one of our ordinary Prospects now-a-days, to see the wealthiest Man the worst Paymaster, and the highest in Dignity the lowest in Reputation.

How many Instances of this degenerate Truth does our Modern Species of Nobility afford us? And in Process of Time, we shall find such an Increase of all manner of Evil amongst them, that Vice may hope to become as Hereditary, as Land or Title; and in less than another Generation, I doubt not, but Wickedness may be supported by Prescription and *Modus*, and the distinguishing Mark of a Man of Quality, will be to abound most in Profaneness and Debauchery.

But of all the Sins that ever yet corrupted Noble Blood, that most damnable one of Ingratitude, as it is the greatest Contradiction to Honour in general, ever gives it the deepest Wound in particular: This Monster is Parent of innumerable Evils, and has not fail'd to tread down and de-

destroy the very Bounty that has rais'd us: Were not Subjects tied to Allegiance by the Strict and Sacred Obligation of an Oath; or did not Kings carry about them the Stamp of Divine Right, as they are the Fountain from whence our Honours flow; that alone ought to be sufficient Motive to the Great, and even common Gratitude, one wou'd think, shou'd incite a generous Mind to the highest Sense of Duty and Acknowledgment.

The Ancient Spirit of *English* Honour has been accustomed to shew it self in Glorious Lustre; and tho' for many Years that Brightness has been too apparently declining; yet still, I hope, we are not without a Reserve of some, who have not deserted the true Standard of Nobility, to the everlasting Shame of another Set, who are such base Apostates to their high Birth, as to think those Predecessors, who stain'd their Hands in the Sacred Blood of our Late Royal Martyr, much more worthy of the Honour of their Family, than the First Great Men, who purchas'd it as the Reward of true Vertue and Merit.

The Curse of Nature must be upon the Man, who is designedly false to himself; and he (as if it were by Instinct) who has been so unfaithful a Steward to the Noblest Birth-right and Inheritance, cannot help being false to every Trust committed to his Charge.

In most Diseases whatsoever of the Body, the Application of some sort of Physick or other, gives the Patient at least a chance Hope for his Life; but in these (which may properly enough be call'd the Diseases of the Mind, and like Madness, too often run in the Blood) from the First Appearance, the Person is given over, the Malignity is too strong for the keenest Medicine to work upon, and we rarely hear of any infected Soul that is thoroughly cur'd of this Pestilence; yet methinks, it is great Pity, that none of the Ingenious Good Men of our Age, out of a generous Regard to their Country, will make this Epidemical Case the Glory of their Study, and frankly deliver their Opinions for the Public Benefit of Reformation; and besides the great Advantages we might hope to reap from their Pens, every Man living in his different Station is born to the Common Right of doing good; and an unexpected Relief, sometimes from the most unskilful Hand, is attended

tended with better Success, than the studied Endeavours of the greatest Professor.

This Consideration, I must confess to have been a Motive with me, tho' the Condition of a Body Politic, is so different from that of Humane, that I fear it is not within the Possibility of any such Accidental Relief; that is only to be wish'd, never to be hop'd for; from its complex Nature, and the many several Distempers arising from thence, it is impossible for any Operator to undertake its Cure: This Body is compos'd of too many confus'd Members, and those perhaps convulsive beyond all Remedy: Ambition and Avarice are too often the insatiable Desires of Great Men; they rage like Lust in a bad Woman, and both equally have their ill Influences for a Time; but in the End, the Mischief generally falls upon their own Heads.

But the most destructive of all Evils, which can threaten this unhappy Body, is, That Monster of Popular Faction and Rebellion, cover'd with an Hypocritical Cloak, and precis'd Cant of tender Conscience, with Intent to overturn both Monarchy and true Religion. This is a Fury that never ceases to be Blood-thirsty, and which (not contented to stop its Motion thro' the Land) at last laid the Ax to the Royal Stem, to give a New Circulation.

These Ministers of Distraction are Masters of a most pernicious Power, given by Satan, of making all People grow wilfully blind, who shall hearken to them, and generally continue so all their Lives: Yet, however, as they are not absolutely in the Predicament of the *Incurabilia*, I recommend them to Her Majesty's Sworn Oculists; and having digress'd too far in my Introduction, return to the Proposal of my Looking-Glass, which I have promis'd in the Title Page; and here it may not be improper to give a short Account of it; It was originally made in the Late Rebellious Times, for O———C———, and had the honour, in all Councils and Expeditions whatsoever, of being with him in one Pocket or other; and I have had the satisfaction to hear him own, that he never saw himself so clearly in any other Glass in his Life. It has many occult Qualities indeed, which have made it the more valuable

luable with an occult Man, and gave it a Recommendation with him, according to my Wish ; and the Resemblance, which I find both the Inclinations of these Times, and particular Persons have a mind to bear with those, gives me hopes I have made no unsuitable Choice in representing the great *Colossus* in this manner.

Each of these Great Men, from a Private Birth, Fortune has toss'd up to be the most considerable of their Time, in many Respects. The first wrested the Royal Scepter out of his Master's Hand, then struck his Head from his Body, and as a Finishing Blow, usurp'd the Regal Power, to the Terror of all the Princes of *Europe*, as well as Destruction of his own Native Kingdom ; and I wish the Success of his unparallel'd Crimes may not have poison'd our M——n H——o into a pleasing Belief, that it may not be impossible to play the same Game over again. All things ought to be apprehended, when a Servant, arm'd with Power, begins to be guilty of the least undue Regards to a R——l M——s, as we shall have opportunity of seeing distinctly, in the Views this Glass will give us of him, thro' the different Stages of his Favour, from the first Beginning of his Race, to his Arrival at this uncommon Height of Greatness ; and it will infallibly discover, whether these Exalted Honours (like those of our Ancient Nobility) are truly the Rewards of uncorrupted Allegiance to his P——ce, and faithful Service to his Country, without the base Allay of any sinister End.

We have had abundance of curst Cows, that have given good Meals for a time, but the Vice of Nature always breaks out at last ; and too late, when the Pale is kick'd down, we discover our Mistake in the Opinion of the Beast ; And after so many successful Battels as our M——n H——o has fought, under the Banners of his Q——n and Country, to give a never-fading Lustre to his Actions, 'tis great Pity (at his Return home to reap the Fruits of Danger and Toil) we cannot rank him amongst our Ancient Patterns of true Honour, Virtue, and Nobility, whose only Glory and End of all their Successes, was still to *Fear God and honour their King* ; Two Glorious Ingredients, which I am afraid are not concern'd in forming the Rise and Character of our Darling of Fortune. This is pretty apparently true

true to every Man, who is acquainted with his Story, and is not prejudic'd into the abusing of his own Judgment and Knowledge, by some dependance or Expectation of Interest from his Favour; But the great Body of the People are kept in the Dark, a little false, popular Applause, and the tumultuous Noise of a Th——g-Day shall blind the Eyes of a great many Thousand, who see not what these Victories are tending to, and that too many Successes, under such an aspiring C——n may be more prejudicial to Her M——y's Hereditary Right to this Crown, than to have had none at all; and that this Truth may be apparent to the Public, I intend to shew this Great Man shining in all the long uncorrupted Faith and Duty to his S———ns, that he can pretend to, in as clear a Light as this Glass at first did O———r C———ll.

In erecting of the meanest Structure, 'tis necessary the Foundation should be good; and in such a Master-Piece as a mighty *Colossus*, certainly it must be much more requisite; for if so great a Work be begun upon a false Bottom, it is never to be amended; and if the first Step be laid in Dishonour, the last and finishing one will be of the same Sort: This undeniable Truth, the actions of this fortunate Man will sufficiently make appear to the World.

At his first coming to Court, and tasting of Royal Favour, he paid his Acknowledgment to the best natur'd King and kindest Master, with so vile a Piece of Ingratitude, as hardly ever enter'd into the Head of a young Man; this was his first setting out; and gave us a true Taste of his Natural Honour; the Foundation was extremely right for the Building that has been rais'd upon it since, and may be truly said to be all of a Piece: It was begun in Dishonour, carried on by Treachery, augmented by Falshood, and discover'd by the wisest Prince living; yet for all that, arriv'd to this exalted Height by all the Dark, deceitful Designs, that Man is capable of forming from the most mischeivous Experience of four R——ns; in every of which he has always continued to give us the brightest Proofs of his Natural Relation to Honour, Vir-
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tue, Fidelity and Zeal for Religion, with all other Qualifications requisite to attempt the Destruction both of M——y and C——h.

I shall take him regularly thro' the whole Course of his Actions, from one Stage of Greatness to another; from his leaving his Non-Entity to this utmost Day (I hope) of his false gotten Honours and Titles.

It is a Saying very frequently apply'd to a Late Great M——ch (who undoubtedly for Personal Ability was one of the Greatest Men, as well as most Potent Kings in Europe) that he never set his Foot in any Country, which he did not make his own; and may it not, in the most extensive meaning, be truly affirm'd of the insinuating Fortunate *Colossus* (whose Person, Temper and Address are form'd on purpose to deceive) that he never set his Foot in any Royal Court but he made it his Conquest, and with a Magical Sort of Success, *never fail'd triumphing o'er the deluded Affections of his P—ce, even at the very fatal Moment he has been contriving his R——n?*

This lucky M——r of S——e and War has been rais'd by the immediate Handy-work of four succeeding M——hs, but by Nature compounded of such base malignant Stuff, that, tho' one was the most foreseeing and skilful Artist of his Time, yet he cou'd never frame him truly to his Use; and here Fortune has shewn us one of her finest Strokes of her secret Management, that the very Transactions of his Life, (of which Sort every Reign has produc'd some remarkable Patterns) that wou'd have brought any other F——'s H——d to the Block, have still constantly continu'd to advance his Favour and Preferment; for a Time, it is true, he has been Eclips'd yet has ever had the unmerited Blessing to appear again in greater Lustre and Power, and that in a Degree so absolute, as may be dangerous to trust in the Hands of any Subject whatsoever; but these Variations will most naturally appear in the several Turns of his Fortune, and I shall begin in Order, with the first happy Change which brought him from the mean Obscurity of his Ancestors to appear in any Capacity in publick View; tho' these Remembrances are very seldom acceptable to the Persons themselves, but on the contrary, 'tis the greatest Mortification to an unworthy up-
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start Great Man to recollect that he once was Little, and especially if those Reflections happen to afford him no other Variety but of Evils, that have chang'd his Condition ; *Colossus* has been most remarkably happy in the Advantages of his Person, and by Nature, Master of all the cunning Delusions of Address and Insinuation, that can render a Man acceptable, and to these deceitful Outward Graces in great Measure he owes the Merit of his Rise ; for these attracting Ornaments of Body and Mind quickly distinguish'd him in the Eyes of that Beautiful Favourite *Harlotta Villeria*, Dutches of the Land of *C—ve*, who had the Power to make him every thing but grateful : This Lady rul'd the Heart of a Great Monarch, and the finest Gentleman of his Time, and had so unlimited an Ascendant over him, as to command every thing she cou'd wish for, to gratify either Love or Ambition ; his Person was her Slave, his Coffers were her Treasure ; and to add to the highest Rank of Honour, in which the R—l Favourite had fix'd her, she was Partner of his Bed, but doom'd to the Scandal of Greatness built upon a false Foundation ; for it was rais'd by Dishonour, and impossible to be supported by Virtue ; no Engagements therefore upon Earth cou'd preserve her long from the Fate of her Sex and Family, she was every Way destin'd to the Sin of Infidelity, and as if it were not to be attoned for, but in Sympathetic Punishment, she fell a Sacrifice to one fram'd on purpose to pay her in Kind. *Colossus* was the fortunate Conqueror and successful Rival of his Prince's Bed, and I doubt not but their first Inclinations to each other were heighten'd by the Resemblance of their Crimes ; for both had betray'd the same King and best natur'd Master ; but that was all fair, a poor Trifle in Intrigue, and no more than bartering one small Sin for another ; a Practice as allowable in Matters of Love, as turning Tail to Tail is, in a *Smithfield* Bagain.

This was the First Step laid for *Colossus's* Grandeur : 'Tis true it was attended with the foulest Circumstances of Dishonour to his Sovereign and First Benefactor, but that was easily got over by a Man resolv'd to make his Fortune at all Adventures. Certainly a Man call'd to Honour after this particular Manner could not help rai-

sing mighty Expectations to himself, and I should not wonder if the obscurest Mortal, once thrown upon such a Foundation, should rise to become a *Colossus*.

The Interest of *Harlotta Villeria* was sufficient to procure any thing the Royal Bounty cou'd contribute to a growing Ambition, and from her cunning Management of the too easy Believing Monarch, the Young Courtier presently begins to taste the Sweets of Preferment; the Dutchess held no Reserve towards him, and the Advantage of her happy Fortunes had not only enabled him to appear handsomely in his present Advancement, but in a Figure suitable to any future Expectation; nay her Affection was so unbounded, her Generosity so extensive, that she had even made him acquainted with Riches out of her own private Estate, and besides the Lift she had given him in the Army, her Influence over his M——y plac'd him in a Post of Honour and Trust, near the Person of the D—e his Brother, who was to succeed him. This happy Progress in his Affairs led him to the common Policy of thinking to introduce some others of his Family, who might be a Support to him upon any sinister Occasion.

Provident Nature had given him a Sister for his Purpose, and the very first Thought of *Meretricia* fix'd his Resolve upon her, she was young, handsome and witty in a remarkable Degree, Mistress of all manner of Charms and Allurements, that were certain to recommend, cou'd she but once be brought into play: Endow'd with these Qualifications, he was readily determin'd to plow with this *Heifer*, and by his own and *Harlotta Villeria's* united Endeavours (which had accomplish'd many dark Things) *Meretricia* was introduc'd to the Dutchess Royal for a Maid of Honour; how long she continued so, is still upon Record at B——ck, and undeniably attested by *Godfridus*, who has taken several Copies of the now Antiquated, but Original Parchment.

This Last Testimony of the Dutchess of C—e's perfect Resignation of herself and Interest to the Will of *Colossus*, had confer'd an Obligation that must make him her Creature for ever, and without doubt then she had nothing so much at heart as to procure his Satisfaction, the

the very tenderest Engagements she made with her King, were as so many Snares to advance his Fortune : She had stript her self to her naked Honour to promote his Pleasure ; what more cou'd she do to oblige, than make him Happy and Great? In a word, his own, and Sister's Establishment at Court, with all the Prospect he cou'd possibly entertain, to make himself and Family considerable, was given him, by her Favour and Intercession, and by Ten Thousand repeated Oaths of Gratitude and Faithfulness, he confess'd himself Debtor to her Kindness : No Protestations or Vows were Sacred enough to express the Sense of his Acknowledgments ; such unbounded Generosity indeed merited all the Return that could be in the power of Man to make ; and we shall shortly see a Specimen of what his Soul tender'd as a suitable Payment.

Meretricia the while flourishes beyond Hope in her New Transplantation ; however, we must forbear to call her an ill Weed, tho' she grew apace ; for she quickly over-run the narrow Bounds of her Royal Mistress's Affection, and cunningly planted herself in that of her Lord ; and in a short time, her Removal to a Master was openly confess'd : This was a fresh Acquisition to the Honour of the Rising Family, a Sister and Friend in the Bosom of the immediate Heir to the Throne, was such a Strengthening to his present Condition, that he now began to find himself able to walk without the Help of his first Supporter, and having reap'd all the Benefit her Interest and Fortune cou'd afford, Love soon gave way to a New Desire, and a fresh Object joining with the Infirmary of his Natural Infidelity, *Harlotta Villeria* soon found a Coldness in his Heart, in Spite of all she had done to keep it warm.

At that time was living the famous Mother *Shipton*, who by the Power and Influence of her Magic Art, had plac'd a Daughter in the same Station at Court with *Meretricia* : This New Beauty, by the Assistance of her Mother's Infernal Skill, soon contrives to supplant the too secure unthinking Dutchess of C—e, and all the tender Regards she had been purchasing so long, and bought so dear, were at once transfer'd to the New Enchantress ; and without the least manner of Excuse, he

not only totally forsakes, but basely betrays her to the Arms of *Germanicus*; and in the Sum of this Story, we have a true View of the Manner of *Colossus's* Rise, with Demonstration of the unparallel'd Gratitude both of his Loyalty and Love; the first, in dishonouring of his King, the last in ignominiously sacrificing the Reputation of a poor, easy, generous and foolish Woman for making him *Great*.

Thus firmly establish'd, the happy Favourite-Twins now sail in an uninterrupted Tide of Good Fortune, and every Day affords New Proofs of increasing Favour between both: They so entirely share the Affections of the Royal Brothers, that hardly any considerable Transaction passes in either Court, without the Approbation of *Colossus*.

But now comes a Change, which added still to his Greatness and Favour, the King dies, and his Brother ascends the Throne: *Meritricia* is the beloved Partner of the Royal Bed; and what might not a Brother pretend to, who had such a Friend and Advocate in the Bosom of his King? Besides, the particular Inclination he had always express'd to him on his own Personal Interest; and of that we had a remarkable Instance when his R——I H——s was in such eminent Danger in his S——ch Expedition by Sea: For on that Occasion, the happy Servant had the peculiar Satisfaction to see his Master shew the same Regard for his Safety, as he did for his own, when Persons of the highest Distinction and Quality there, perish'd in contributing to there Security. What Subject can Merit? What Loyalty, what Gratitude can ever hope to repay his Prince the Debt of such a generous Care? For certainly, such is the Difference between a Master and his Servant, a Sovereign and a Subject, That, even Life it self can hardly be a sufficient Acknowledgment for such a Favour: But Love, that rules the Heart, never fails to blind the Understanding, and generally, an amorous deluded Prince is the last of his Votaries that discovers the Snake he is nourishing in his Bosom. *Meritricia* however, is every Way fruitful in her Affection, and the little Pledges of Royal stolen Love so encrease the King's Fondness, that nothing was so much his Pleasure as the adding to her Satisfaction, in every Opportunity

nity of contributing to *Colassus's* Interest, and her alluring Smiles are more than a Recompence for the greatest Obligation his Bounty and Power can confer : So strongly is the King possess'd in behalf of his Merit, and so easie to believe, That the uncommon Marks he had given him of his Favour and Esteem, (from the least Motive of Gratitude and Honour) cou'd not fail of engaging him unalterably to his Service : He not only promotes him to a Command of very considerable Trust and Confidence in the Army ; but to bring him yet nearer to himself, calls him into the Rank of the Nobility ; And here we have a remarkable Instance of the false Amusement and Deception of unlawful Love ; how artfully carried on by the cunning Insinuations of a designing Mistress ; and never was poor Prince more easily led Blindfold into so mischievous an Error against himself. He was raising a Friend, (to gratifie the Ambition of *Meretricia*) who was sure to forsake him upon the first advantageous Opportunity of bettering his Fortune : For no manner of Reliance can be had on, no certain Trust can ever be put in a Man, so base in Soul, as to Purchase false Honour with true, and poorly submit to part with the whole Reputation of his Family to feed his Avarice with Riches, his Ambition with Titles, thus ignominiously bought. Is it possible for Honour to debase its self lower, than by such mean and vile Condescensions ? Can any thing more express a degenerate, sordid Spirit than selling the Virtue of a Sister to buy a Place at Court ? These Questions answer themselves ; and I am sure the Prince who considers rightly, must confess, that the Greatest Man, thus rais'd in Dishonour, will be true to no Interest, can be bound by no Obligations or Oaths, tho' never so sacred, longer than they contribute to serve his own Turn ; by these ignoble Steps has *Colassus* ascended to every Degree of Titular Honour, yet always so successful in a well manag'd Dissimulation, as to have the highest Acts of Infidelity to one Master, amply rewarded for the Services they did to another ; and tho' the King and his Brother, from nothing, had lifted him up to this Eminence, (such a Game being all that his Nature is capable of playing) the Royal Obligations were sure to be acknowledg'd according to the first Patterns, but with large

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Improvement, that he had given the World of his exemplary Gratitude ; nor was it long before his unhappy Master gave him an Opportunity of shewing it in it's utmost Natural Lustre. The unfortunate King had been drawn from the establish'd Religion of his Country to embrace a new Faith, which fail'd not, in a very little while, to give Birth to a new and violent Set of People about him, who quickly led a Prince so biggotted, into the greatest Innovation both in Church and State: Indeed, the whole Frame and Constitution of Government was threaten'd with a suddain Dissolution. This soon bred a general Dissatisfaction through the Nation, which (fatal to the poor misguided King) in the End turn'd to his own Destruction.

To deliver themselves from these impending Dangers, the chief Nobility of the Kingdom address for Assistance to a potent Prince and Neighbour, who readily brought an Army to their Help ; and one of the most active Men in this Invitation was the faithless *Colossus*, who well knowing the Bent of the Nation, was sure to be one of the forwardest in courting the rising Sun : Not all the Royal Tendernefs, so lavishly bestowed upon the Sister, nor that Excess of Bounty, which had made him Wealthy and Great, could now engage his mercenary Honour one Moment from Sacrificing a declining King and Master, to the sweet Temptation of a new and certain Interest ; and to lose nothing of the Merit of an early Apostacy, as soon as the Prince had landed his Army, the faithful Servant hesitates no longer upon his Duty to his Master, than just by fresh Oaths and repeated Protestations, to assure him of his stedfast Resolution to suffer all Things in Defence of his undoubted Right ; and when he had sufficiently abus'd the distressed believing King into an Opinion of his Loyalty and Faithfulness, immediately steals off with all Expedition, to lay the Performance of his late Perjury at the Feet of his Master's mortal Enemy : Base premeditated Villany ! Did ever Servant from the Time of the first *Judas* to this Day, commit a Treason against his Master attended with so many foul Circumstances ? And from this abominable Act of Ingratitude, we are assured, That neither God nor Man, can bind him to any Thing but Self-
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Interest, who can so easily cancel all Obligations of Oaths and Duty to that King, who had done so much for him; 'tis impossible for any Pretence of Service to his Country to wash away the horrid Sin of appearing in Arms against a Royal Master, who had loaded him with such extream Personal Marks of his Affection and Generosity; and I know not but Heaven may have punish'd the Guilt and Infidelity of the Parent in his Offspring, and with Design, have taken away the Son in his Youth; least, by having Time to Copy after so undutiful a Father, he should deliver down to Posterity, such base Examples of Modern Honour, as might corrupt a future Generation. By laying open thus truly the matchless Ingratitude of *Colossus*, I doubt not but it will be objected by his Creatures, that I am arraigning the whole Revolution, a Thing most remote from my Intention; That great and wonderful Deliverance I always approv'd with utmost Thankfulness and Gratitude to the glorious Prince who perform'd it; and had the Honour of being in his Service for many Years after his ascending the Throne, to the Day of his Death: And I have always look'd upon the Majority of Nobility and Gentry in general, who boldly stood in the Gap in Time of Danger, and were active under the Necessity of the Revolution, as the *Patriots* and *Deliverers* of their Country: But as in most general Rules, there happens to be some Exceptions, so in this, *Colossus* was none of those just and warrantable Supporters of the publick Right, who could say they wash'd their Hands in Innocency. What! Tho' his unhappy King and Master, misled by Evil Councillors, had attempted to overturn both our Laws and Religion; *Colossus's* Hand ought not to have been assistant in the Overturning of him: Were the Pretensions of Conscience as real, as I am afraid they are dissembled, and that Mankind from thence had true Motives of Concern for their Country; yet common Honour and Decency ought to have withheld him from lifting up his Arm against the Sovereign, who had made him. Of all Men living, he ought to have sat quietly down, and left that disagreeable Work to those, who had receiv'd fewer Obligations from their King, than their Country: And had it been my own Case, that I could not help disapproving his Measures,

Measures, and condemning the Mal-Administration with utmost Dislike; yet in an honourable Retirement, it should have been my Choice, to have lamented my Master's Misfortune, and have defied all the Temptations of Interest to have turn'd my Sword into that of a Traitor's to be lifted up against his Royal Head.

Ingratitude to a Prince, is the most shameful Sin a Man of Honour can commit; yet, as it was the Beginning, has all along continu'd to support the Rise of this great *Colossus*, the Fame of whose Infidelity and Baseness to his respective Masters, I doubt not, will live, as long as Memory shall be able to preserve his Name amongst us: However, these Monstrous Practices are fully answering to his Purpose; and the more remarkable the Treachery may happen to be against one, the more meritorious is the Service to the other, so that the last Master-Piece of Villany, in Course gave him a Recommendation with the new King according to his wish; and his natural Turn and Capacity for publick Affairs soon fix'd him in a Degree of Favour not inferiour to what he enjoy'd in the former Reign. This Change in the Monarchy is sure to be attended with a bloody and expensive War, in which the Ability of *Colossus* quickly advances him to the highest Charges of Trust and Command; and in a little time, the King also adds to his Honour, by creating him *Count*. But no Acquisitions of Title or Wealth can satisfy an ambitious, covetous Spirit, tho' he had far out-strip'd all the Courtiers of his Time, 'twas no more than a Drop to the Sea, his insatiable Temper still thought that Advancement too little, which all the World beside knew was too much. And upon this Occasion, according to former Custom and Disposition of Nature, he could not help breaking out into usual Acts of Ingratitude, tho' here was a Gall to his designing, restless Soul. He had not now his former easily deluded Master to deal withal, but the greatest King in *Christendom*, whether in respect of Wisdom or Courage; yet, as no Bounty could sufficiently Reward his Ambition, 'twas impossible for any Power or Circumspection absolutely to restrain his Falshood and Dissatisfaction; and tho' this Master was too watchful to have the same Game put upon him, which he played with the

the former ; yet all his great Foresight could not preserve him from a Taste of his Art in Mischief ; and though he could not hurt his Person, we are very well assured he fail'd not to Betray his Councils.

An undeniable Instance of this Truth, I shall give in one Story, which I am very well assured all the Cunning of *Calossus* dares not go about to contradict publicly, whilst the Duke of *L——* is alive : That great Man having been personally concern'd with the King in it, and is a Witness of such unviolated Truth and Integrity, as the others Dissimulation can never pretend to contest withal. The Story may be the more acceptable, as it is not common, and is so faithfully deliver'd, that all his Party, I am confident, will not attempt to deny it, who have had the Opportunity of the least Insight into the Matter. There is hardly any Body a Stranger to *Calossus's* being in Disgrace in the late Reign, and removed from all his Employments ; but the Occasion has been a Secret, which I do not know that any Body has open'd to the Publick ; and therefore, tho' the Relation may be a little tedious, yet I hope may not prove unacceptable, and is as follows :

The E—— of *N.——*, then S——y of S——e, was sent by the K——g to the H——e of *L——ds*, to tell Count *Calossus*, his Majesty had no farther Occasion for his Service ; which suddain Turn to so great a Favourite, bred such Amazement and Consternation in the House, as for a Time, put a Stop to the Business they had before them : Every Body was in Confusion, tho' no Man guess'd what could Occasion so severe and unexpected Change of a Man, who, perhaps, to serve his present Majesty, had even shipwreck'd his own Conscience, and Sacrificed, at the Expence of his Honour, the Faith and Allegiance, which by often and repeated Oaths, as well as the greatest Obligations of Gratitude, he ought to have paid to the Sovereign and Master, who from a low Estate, had rais'd him to this exalted Height, and gave him the Power to Betray him, who had thus unfortunately been his Maker. This Surprise amongst the Lords did not Continue long, before his Majesty sent for the Duke of *L——*, then President of the Council, to attend him at K——ton ; and tho' the

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very Post undoubtedly gave his Grace the Opportunity of being Privy to most of the Great Secrets, yet he was wholly unacquainted with the King's Purpose and Reasons for turning out the Count: Upon his Grace's coming to the King, his Majesty ask'd, *What they were doing in the House of Lords?* The Duke's answer was, *He could not well tell;* his Majesty's Message by One of his Secretaries of State to Count Colossus, having put the whole House in a Buz and Amazement. The King ask'd, *If my Lord N—— had not told the Reason why he turn'd out the Count:* The Duke said, *No, That he heard of.* To which his Majesty return'd: *My Lord, that is very strange; and thus Things which are order'd to be told are kept Secret, and those which should be kept Secret are publish'd;* and then proceeded, *My Lord, I sent for you to tell you my Reasons for dismissing the Count Colossus, which are for breeding Faction in the Army, and holding Correspondence with the Court at St. G——ns, and for such Crimes, my Lord, What could I do less?* The Duke reply'd, *Sir, In my humble Opinion, your Majesty has done too much, or too little, too much if the Count should be falsely accused, too little if truly, deserving to be committed for High Treason:* But, *Sir, May not your Majesty be misinform'd:* No, *I certainly knew it to be true, and sent for you to acquaint you with it; and would have you go back to the House, and declare these my Reasons for turning him out.* To which his Grace answer'd, *I suppose, Sir, You would not have me make a formal Speech to the House; and I believe it may be better only to tell your Majesty's Reasons to the Lords, as they may in a private Capacity be desirous of knowing them:* I think so too, said the King, *Count Colossus has done me several considerable Services, and for that Reason I will not go to Extreame with him.* This Conference ending, my Lord President return'd to the House of Lords, whom he found in the same Confusion he had left them; and it being known his Lordship had been sent for by the King, as many of the Lords as applied to be inform'd about this Matter, were acquainted with it, according to his Majesty's Order: In some Time after his Grace's Return to the House, the Count himself came, and desir'd to speak to his Lordship, and they Two immediately

ately retir'd into my Lord High Chamberlain's Room ; where the Count desiring to know in what he had offend- ed the King to merit his Displeasure, my Lord President acquainted him also with his Majesty's Reasons. Count Colossus, in Justification of himself, said, *He was very severely dealt withal, and utterly denied the Facts alledg'd against him, declaring, That as to corresponding with the Court at St. G——ns, he had never at any Time, either writ a Letter thither, or receiv'd one from thence, and that he would be contented to be pull'd to Pieces by Horses. when any such Crime could be prov'd against him : And as to his raising Faction in the Army, he was sure he could well enough justify himself from any such Accusation : He said, That in the Beginning of his Majesty's Reign, he understood that some of his Enemies had privately insinuated such an Accusation against him ; upon which, at two several Times in H——d, he apply'd himself to the King, told him of what he was inform'd, and humbly besought him to let him know wherein he had displeas'd his Majesty, not knowing he had done any thing amiss to charge himself withal ; to which the Count said the King answer'd, My Lord, I am not displeas'd with you, nor do I believe what you think, has been insinuated against you ; upon which, his Lordship rested easie, till some time after that, his Friends assur'd him the same Accusation was again renew'd against him ; whereupon, when the King was on Board the Yacht coming for E——d, his Lordship address'd himself a third time, (four or five Lords then on Board being present) letting his Majesty know, That his Friends still assur'd him, he was in the same Respects calumniated to his Majesty ; and further entreated, that he would be graciously pleas'd to inform him in the Matter, and tell him wherein he had offended, well knowing he could easily justify himself from all such undeserv'd Aspersions, desiring Leave to lay down his Commissions, being contented to retire if it were his Majesty's Pleasure ; to which the King it seems answer'd, My Lord, that must not be ; I am well pleas'd both with your Conduct and Fidelity, and have told you so twice before, that you need not give your self this Trouble. However, the Count took this Occasion to ask the King if he would please to let him kiss his Hand upon it ; his Majesty reply'd, Yes ; and accordingly he did so, in Presence of all the Lords. Here the*

Count stopping, the Duke of L—— said to him, *My Lord, You justify your self very well: Yet,* turning to the Count with some little Agitation, added, (as it were in his Ear) *but by G--d, my Lord, for all this, either the King or you must be a Lyar;* and with this bold and honest Remark their Discourse at that Time concluded. In a little while after, my Lord President being at the King's Levy, his Majesty took him aside, and demanded, *if he had communicated his Reasons for displacing the Count Colossus, or had seen the Count himself;* his Lordship answer'd, *Yes: What says he?* replied the King; *Much, I assure your Majesty, much in his own Justification:* Which the King desiring to be inform'd of: His Lordship humbly begging Pardon, intreated his Majesty to excuse him from relating what he knew not how to do, unless he was commanded; whereupon, the King laying his Commands, my Lord President related all that had passed between the Count and him; to which, his Majesty was pleas'd to answer, *The Count Colossus has done me considerable Services, I would not carry this Thing too far against him, but if he will strain the String till it break, I cannot help it.*

But the Count very prudently judg'd the Matter right, and wisely chose rather to acquiesce under a Disgrace so gentle, in respect of his Crimes, than by offering at a fruitless Justification, to put his Majesty upon producing a Proof, that might expose him to open Condemnation. I shall not offer the least Comment upon this Story, it being so plain and clear in it self, That the meanest Capacity cannot fail of making a certain Judgment, whether it be a greater Testimony and Demonstration of that glorious Monarch's Clemency, and grateful Regard to the past Deeds of a Servant, or of the Count's illustrating the Truth of that well chosen Motto of Dissimulation, *faithful, tho' suspected.* This is another fresh Instance of the remarkable Gratitude, which has shone so bright in all his Actions; and such a Discovery had been enough to have ruin'd any other Man upon Earth, past all Hopes of Recovery, but himself: And we plainly see from hence, that Fortune (like some unnatural Parents of this World) makes a greater Provision for one undeserving B——d than all her numerous Issue of Legitimate, meritorious Children; and she
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most be Mistress of most strange unaccountable Turns and Changes, or so great and deserved a Misfortune as this last, (which in Appearance to all Mankind, threatned *Colossus* with nothing less than utter Ruin) could not have terminated in the Means of not only raising him still higher, but procured him the Opportunity of making his Greatness conspicuous to all *Europe*.

In a former Reign, I just hinted, his Marrying the subtle Daughter of the renown'd Mother *Shipton*, who in all manner of Respects has answer'd the advantageous Promises of her Birth and Family : Her Estate was the least Part of the Fortune which she brought him ; and tho' I cannot call her a sole Heiress, her Portion of Inheritance was more considerable, than most of those that are so ; for, besides the Division of Land she had bequeath'd entire to her Possession, the matchless Canning, and most mischievous Witchcraft of her Mother : And to these was added a Legacy of inestimable Value, by a most remarkably virtuous Aunt, the Fame of whose consummate Abilities will be ever fresh amongst us : From the successful Practice of many Years, she had attain'd to the utmost Knowledge and Dexterity in all Manner of Intrigues ; and upon her Death-Bed leaves to her beloved Niece, *Zara Shipton*, this Master-Piece of Mystery and Art, with all its Appurtenances, and with the strictest prophetick Charge to her, *To keep it, and be Great*. These Branches of her Inheritance have fill'd up the Measure of their Hopes, and have truly render'd her the most suitable Partner under Heaven to share both his Heart and Interest, by the Part she has bore in promoting his Designs. This happy Pair have indeed shewn such a Harmony of Agreement in all their Actions, in every Inclination they appear so much the same, as if they Two, were, in a literal Sense, but one Flesh ; the same Ambition, to be Wealthy and Great, has equally rul'd in both ; the same Proness to do Evil, the same Aversion to do Good ; and the very same immoderate Spirit of Covetousness, Infidelity, Dissimulation and Irreligion, has jointly led them both through innumerable Acts of Baseness and Falshood to the Accomplishment of all their desired infernal Greatness.

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This Lady, at her first Appearance in Court, was Maid of Honour to the Dutcheſs Royal, and knowing well enough by what Steps, alone, ſhe muſt expect to riſe in Favour, her Behaviour to the Mother, though no more than a Dutcheſs, was as humble, as it has ſince been inſolent to the Daughter, the kindeſt Miſtreſs, and beſt of Q—ns. However, by a well manag'd Hypocriſie, ſhe ſo effectually ingratiates her ſelf in the Family, as to continue after the Death of her Miſtreſs, in greater Eſteem and Confidence with the Princeſs her youngeſt Daughter, than ever ſhe had been with the Mother, and from one Degree of Honour to another, ſhe arrives at length at the higheſt Office of Dignity and Truſt about the Perſon of her Royal Highneſs; and with ſuch particular Marks of Affection, Favour and Familiarity, as hardly ever have been equalled by a Perſon of her high Birth and Diſtinction: So exceſſive was the Goodneſs of her Royal Miſtreſs as to permit the Servant even to have Dominion over Her: Never was any Condeſcention like to this; nor was the ſmalleſt Kindneſs from the meaneſt Maſter ever ſo unthankfully repaid by the moſt unworthy Servant: Never were Royal Favours confer'd with ſo much Freedom, ſo little Reſerve; and we have not an Example of any other Hand, that ever received them with ſo much Pride and Arrogance, ſo little Senſe of Acknowledgment and Gratitude: And the moſt obliging Teſtimonies of Bounty, even Honour and Riches, have been ſwallow'd by her *High and Mighty Haughtineſs*, with ſuch an Air of Negligence, Scorn and Contempt, as if ſhe look'd upon the glorious Benefactreſs, whoſe generous Hand has beſtow'd all this, to be Debtor to her for Acceptance of ſuch unparallel'd Favours: However, whiſt her Fortune was low, the Pride and baſe Ingratitude of her Soul was cover'd with ſuch Humility and Submiſſion, as will be a laſting Teſtimony of her matchleſs Ability in Diſſimulation and Falſhood; and under this Diſguiſe, her Dexterity manag'd ſo well to Advantage, that her Reward for Hypocriſie and Baſeneſs, ſoon outweigh'd the greateſt Wages of Truth and Fidelity; and this ſhameful Abufe upon the beſt of Miſtreſſes was in the Height of its Succeſs at the Time that her Husband was diſmiſs'd from the Court of the King; and

and it was happy for *Colossus*, in the Juncture of his Disgrace, that the foreseeing Craft of his Wife had secured him such a Sanctuary in the Court of a Princess, who was not only Sister to the Queen, but immediate Heir to the Crown. This happy Retirement was no small Alleviation both of the Guilt of his Crimes, and the Severity of their Punishment; for the unthinking Multitude, seeing the kind Reception he had met with, presently judg'd his Disgrace to be no more, than one of the customary Politick Changes, which all States are so often subject to; and he wanted not his Agents to give it a proper Turn amongst the People, that the King's Displeasure was only for adhering too closely to the Interest of the Princess, who was next in Succession: And this was a Pretence the more plausible, because there then was a Coldness between their Majesties and the Princess; which the Countess *Zara*, by Means of the Favour and Intimacy, which her too indulgent Mistress was pleased to allow her, fail'd not to improve into such a Difference amongst the Royal Relations, as was sure to give her Husband no worse Reception for having offended his great King and Master. And here was a superfine Touch of the Management so peculiar alone to *Colossus*, who can turn the severest merited Punishment into the greatest Opportunity of Advantage; like a Cat, he is sure to pitch on his Legs, and the greatest Downfall from one Favour, is no more, than the stepping Stone to raise him the higher in another; which, by his Art of Improvement, has brought him at length to be the greatest Subject in *Ch——om*. In this Retreat, both of Safety and future Interest, he spends the Days of his Disgrace, with a Satisfaction too promising, to admit the lamenting of any former Loss. *Zara* and he, by the united Interest of their good Fortune, govern all Things here without Controul; the whole Concerns of this private Court are entirely manag'd by their Council and Approbation, during the Life of the King, who, whilst he remain'd in Health, never offer'd to call up *Colossus* to the least Administration of any publick Affair; nor, I verily believe, ever wou'd, had it not pleas'd God, by an Accident unexpected, to give his Majesty a Summons to leave this Crown for a better; at a Time, when

when his Kingdom was threatn'd with a new and furious War ; in which double Distress, his great Soul shew'd more Concern for the Good of his People, than the Anguish and Bitterness of declining Nature, which was hastning apace to its Dissolution ; and amidst the many perplexing Cares that can afflict a dying Monarch, nothing was so much at his Heart, as with the short remains of Life to make the best Provision he could for the publick Safety, which was sure to stand the Shock of a violent Storm, as soon as his Glorious Head was laid ; and weighing nothing now, but to secure his Kingdom from this impending Danger, by making his last Choice of such Persons as he thought likeliest to serve their Country in this Extremity.

The great Ability of *Colossus* soon drew back his Majesty's Eyes upon him in Spight of all past Injuries, which are generously forgiven. The King knew his Vices the best of any Man, yet graciously looks only upon his Virtues ; and before his Death, calls him from Disgrace, to the Command of his Army, by the highest Titles of Honour that could be inserted in a Commission : And to fit him the better for doing Service to the Royal Princess, now shortly to succeed, the good King, in one of the last Acts of his Life, places him at the Head of the great C——cy, which none but himself was capable of forming, and so long maintain'd with such immortal Reputation, to his great Wisdom and Courage. Had ever Subject before the good Fortune of being Rewarded with such peculiar Marks of Distinction, that had committed so many and great Acts of Unfaithfulness to every King that ascended the Throne in his Time ? For my Part I know no History that can produce a Second *Colossus* : It must be confess'd, he is Master of vast Indowments, tho' without an honest Principle, to be their Guide in the Use and Application, such happy Qualifications will render him but still the more dangerous Man : And from the Knowledge that every Reign affords us of his natural Regard to the Dictates of Honour, Sence of Obedience to his King, or Veneration for God, either in the Practice of Religion, or so much as outward Observance of that Day, which he himself hath appointed to be kept Holy ; we have an undeniable

niable Testimony of what Subjection his submissive Soul is capable of paying to any higher Powers whatsoever ; and his exact Performance of all religious Duties, do sufficiently manifest the great Respect he has ever bore to Things Divine : Not to mention the customary, scandalous Licentiousness of the whole Family in general, *Colassus* and his other Pious Half, themselves, have been pleased to give us a most remarkable and devout Instance of this Truth, in their so publick celebrating of the Sabbath at *M-r-g-te* in the Isle of *Th---*. The Story is so notoriously known, I need not repeat it ; and they who durst so openly fly in the Face of Heaven, cannot but think all Powers below their Observance upon Earth : And from these abominable, bare-faced Examples of Impiety and Prophaneness, and such publick Scorn and Contempt of the establish'd Laws both of the Land and Church, can be expected no good Work either towards God or Man ; and I very much fear all these extraordinary Gifts of Nature have no other Aim or Tendency in the End, than promoting his own Ambition, and making a Mock of all Powers both in Heaven and Earth. But to return from the short Digression, (which the Abhorrence of this uncommon Irreverence to Superiours had led me into) with this grand Mixture of Virtue and Vice, the happy *Count* is no sooner settled in his new Commission, but his great Master dies, and leaves the Throne to *Zara's* Royal Mistress. This lucky Change was to both their Hearts Desire, having now a more fair and promising Field before them for Favour, than in all the preceding Reigns : The Affections of the new and glorious Queen are entirely shared between them ; no Confidence is had in any Council, nor any Council put into Practice without their Approbation ; nor is there any Alteration designed in the least Court-Preferment, but by their Appointment. These excessive Marks of the Royal Goodness and Esteem, made all Men of any Expectation or Dependance from the Q—n, earnest in the Tender of their Service ; and the greatest Men in the Ministry are the first in their Application and Address to *Colassus*, as the only *Favourite*, who had a general Access to the Royal Bounty in every Capacity. As great

Captain of the Army, he entirely ingross'd the Disposál of all Military Employments ; and being no less considerable in the Cabinet than Field, his Power there had an equal Influence on Civil Preferments. This universal Sway in every Branch of Government brought all Conditions of Men to court his Interest ; and now, having the Means of confirming to himself this unlimited Authority, he was too great a Master in Politicks to lose the Advantage of so favourable an Opportunity ; and accordingly takes Care to elect such a Ministry, as he well knew, from a Motive of Principle as well as Interest, were sure to stand by and support his Greatness.

The old War, with a potent, neighbouring Nation, is now breaking out with greater Fury than ever, and *Colossus's* Recommendation by his late dying Master, promotes him to the Honour of commanding the Grand Army of all the C——ted P——s ; an Army compos'd of the Veteran Troops of all *Europe*, and so deservedly Famous for Discipline, Courage and innumerable Victories, that I believe I may venture to say, there is no one Army, that we know of, is able to do them wrong : With these invincible Troops he has bridled the outrageous Fury of the greatest Tyrant of the Universe, diverted the Fate of Empires, and even hunted Victory with such a continued Success, through so many tough Sieges, strong Intrenchments, and most furious pitch'd Battles, as hardly any one Hero can boast of : Good Fortune has been his constant Companion in every Enterprize, and the Fame of his Actions is become Universal in all Nations abroad ; yet still oppress'd with the Fate of an invincible Proverb at Home, where *Soldiers*, like *Prophets*, are never esteem'd ; and this shall lead me to a true Consideration of his Military Merit.

As no Man ever won a Battle by himself, the Glory, Praise and Reward of Conquest, in common Justice, ought not to be confin'd to One alone : If the Head has obtain'd Honour, in all the perilous Pursuits after it, he has had few less than a Hundred Thousand brave Members that have not stood idle Spectators of his Actions ; they have always more than equally shar'd in the Danger, but are to have no Title, it seems, to any Part of the
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Glory ; only one Head is to be crown'd with Laurel ; one Hand alone to receive the Reward. The Successes of this single Captain have made more Noise in our World, by the Industry of a Faction, who confess him their Leader, than the greatest Actions of all the Heroes of *Europe* in Conjunction ; when alas ! there is neither Mystery nor Miracle (to those who are Judges of War) either in Point of Conduct or Bravery : And let a Party magnify the prodigious Abilities of their *Chief* as much as they please, the unbiass'd Part of Mankind are not without the Knowledge of this Truth, that it has been always the peculiar Happiness of *Colossus*, to have the Command of a great many more able and experienced Heads in the Trade of War, than his own : We are sure to hear of every Success with the greatest Advantage and Applause ; but the Miscarriages on frequent Occasions, which have really sully'd the great Hero's Judgment, are Articles only known to those whose Dependance upon the War makes it their Interest to conceal them : I could enumerate a great many Instances of this Truth, but for Brevity, shall only mention Two.

The Enemy, by fighting the Battle of *R—s*, gave the *C—s* Possession of a noble Country, abounding with wealthy, strong Towns and Cities ; and all these, the successful and most judicious *Colossus* might have been Master of, without the Expence and Hazard of a Battle, the Summer before, when he enter'd their first Line ; where, had he march'd forward, instead of making that unnecessary Halt for so many Hours, under the Walls of *T-l-mant*, he had then infallibly gain'd their Second Line without the least Difficulty ; which, upon his slipping the Opportunity, stop'd his great Progress, and baffled all the fruitless Attempts that he could make to pass it afterwards. In the Confusion of the Enemy, upon his entering their First, it was the easiest Matter imaginable for the *Conf—te* Army (which the Adversaries then durst not Fight) to have push'd at once within their Second Line ; but instead of pursuing the first Advantage with the Expedition that was necessary, the Enemy, in utmost Haste and Disorder, were suffer'd quietly to retire a whole

Day's March, and pass over a deep River, which made Part of their strong Second Line, and where his Army might have easily come up before one eighth Part of theirs could have been over : By this great Master-Piece in Soldiery, when the fortunate *Colossus* arrived before *L---v---in*, he had the Satisfaction to see his Enemy for several Days together, so strongly encamp'd, as not to fear any Insult, and the Glory of all his late Success, brought to it's *Ne plus ultra* : And this Line was no more in Extent, than what their Army was able compleatly to cover, that they were not afraid of another Surprize ; for by his fruitless Endeavours, they were well enough assur'd of their being able to keep his Conquests at Bay here : And I know not whether *Colossus* might have been any farther advanc'd at this Day, if the Enemy's Mistake of his Number at the Entrance of the next Campagne, their Fate and his good Fortune, had not led them to the Presumption of leaving their strong Hold, and foolishly offering Battle to an Army, compos'd of the best Troops of all Nations, and commanded by Generals, and all other Officers, in their respective Degrees, of such known Bravery and Experience, that in Justice to their Merit, I dare be bold to say, There is no Army in *Christendom*, without a mighty Superiority, that can rob them of Victory, let who will be their Captain in Chief : Their Discipline and Courage are sufficient to raise the Glory of any Leader in spite of his Teeth, were he never so young and unskillful ; and it is a sure Testimony of the Vertue and Goodness of the Members, when they are still able to accomplish so great Acts, notwithstanding the Errors and Mistakes of their Head ; and of these, I could bring so many several Proofs undeniably true, as would set *Colossus's* Conduct and Infallibility in as clear a Light as I hope I have done his eminent Gratitude and Fidelity ; but I will confine my self to only one Instance more, at the late Battle before the Besieging of *M---*, where we ought to proclaim the Fame of his Conduct, and tender Regard for the Lives of those gallant Men, who have purchas'd and maintain'd his Honour in so much Blood and Danger : common Humanity obliges every Commander to be as Cautious as possible in exposing an Army, that has done
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such Wonders, to build up the Fame of their Leader. Certainly, such Virtue and Courage ought at least to Merit his utmost Care of their Safety and Preservation; and it would be uncharitable to Place it to any other Account, than Mistake in Conduct, when we see these Men expos'd to Danger and Difficulties, which a wise General might easily avoid; and such was the Case of this famous and obstinate Battle of *Bl——ies*.

The Necessity of removing the Enemy from their strong and advantageous Camp was so needful a Preparative to the Siege of *M——s*, that it was unanimously resolv'd to Attack them at all Hazards, and after such a Result and Motion of the Army in Order thereto, What could be the Meaning of delaying the Execution, when it so apparently, every Hour, added Strength to their Fortification, Difficulty to *Colossus's* determin'd Undertaking? I never yet met with any Man that could give the least Colour of Reason, for this unaccountable Circumstance of Modern Policy; indeed, it is Something so very much out of the Way of all known Conduct, that one would really think the great General, in forming his Design, had thus reason'd with himself: *I am determin'd to Assault my Enemy in the strongest Intrenchments, yet, contrary to all Rules of Practice, I will allow them a reasonable Time to add all that the Knowledge of their greatest Men can contrive for their further Security, and when the Work is brought to the utmost Perfection that Art and Nature can produce, then will I force my Way to Victory, with greater Safety to my People, greater Glory to my Self.* But admitting this to be too Roman-tick to be any Part of his Consideration; yet, however, the Execution and Management of the intended Battle has so far agreed with it, that we are sure he generously allow'd (if it were by Design) his Enemy to fortifie themselves in such Intrenchments as hardly ever any Army attempted to Assault before; when the attacking them but Two Days sooner had render'd the Undertaking abundantly less Difficult; and in all humane Probability, have sav'd the Lives of great Numbers of Gallant Men who fell a Sacrifice to *Colossus's* mistaken Conduct. And there
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is no Man living, who has seen the additional Intrenchments, which he might have prevented their making, and is capable of judging what Strength they must of Consequence give to their Army, what mighty Disadvantage and Loss to his, but will Record this glorious Battle, as a Testimony, That it is impossible for the greatest Inadvertency and Mismanagement of a General to lead such an Army into any Difficulty they cannot surmount, any Danger they are not able to overcome.

I do not offer this to Detract from the Merit of this great Captain, whose Actions are sure to meet with Applause; tho' from his Happiness, not Manner of commanding such victorious Bands, I shall always think him more Fortunate than deserving to be so; and that his Ambition has been much better supported by the Wisdom and Courage of others, than all the numerous Proofs of his own Virtue and Conduct; and I know not, but it may proceed from an inward Knowledge of some self Blemishes, that he may be so very Jealous of allowing the least Honour to the Merits of any other Men's Actions, to all that are not his Creatures. 'Tis Reward sufficient for any Performance, that they are continu'd to Fight for their Pay, tho', as we are all the Children of one Mother in the Army, every one ought to share the Portion of his respective Birth-right and Rank; but Party, and its Oppression, has got so much the better of all faithful Service, That the bravest Britain in Arms will reap little Benefit from any Degree of Merit, if he happen not to be on the right Side, but may sit down, contentedly or not, with the rest of his Brethren, to their *Sic vos non vobis*.

In that deservedly famous Battle of Wy——al, which not only secured the reducing one of the strongest and most important Cities of the Enemy, but was attended also with the Blessing of giving even daily Bread to *Cassius* and all his Army, who were in utmost Want of it; the Glory of that bright Action was very near sharing the same Fate with the shameful defeated Side, though in all its Circumstances it was attended with most meritorious Acquisitions of Honour, (whether in Point of Courage or Conduct)

Conduct) that any one Commander in our Time can Boast of; the great Disparity of Numbers in this unequal Conflict, and Goodness of the Enemies select'd Troops, will render this great Leader's wise Disposition, singular Bravery of Person, and unparallel'd Success of his little Army, for ever famous in all Ages; yet, notwithstanding the extraordinary Desert of so noble a Service, so great in it self, so Beneficial to the Publick in its Consequences, he was forc'd to Fight a second Battle against Jealousie and foulmouth'd Detraction, to gain the little, empty Praise of the first; the malignant *Secretary of Colossus* himself having had the Impudence in his Letters home, to transfer the immortal Glory of the truly *Great Britain*, to the Account of an *Alien*, their Creature, who had not the least Share in the Danger of purchasing that Victory.

I have been something Particular in the two first Military Transactions, as they are Specimens of his Personal Ability, Wisdom and consummate Experience; and the Account of the third, tho' it bear no direct Relation to his own Performance, however, comes in as an Instance of the just Sense he entertains of the great Actions of any of his Country-men: And as I intended a short Touch of this great *Colossus* in most of his Capacities, I cou'd not omit shewing him in his singular Justice and Acknowledgements to all, without Exception of Party, who have the Fortune to do well for the Publick; and if we follow him from the very first Proofs of his Love and Gallantry, thro' all his intricate Tracts of Favour and Distinction, whether it be to his Prince or Inferior, in Courts or Camps, from his first setting out to his Arrival in this accumulated State of Grandeur, we shall always find him distributing his Gratitude with the same equal Hand, which has made it so justly remarkable to every *Eng—n*, who can claim the least Desert from his Service; which naturally leads to the closing of this Part of his Character, with this general and true Observation of his peculiar good Fortune, That the highest Infidelity in him has met with greater Rewards, than ever his Self-interested, sordid Soul can give him leave to confer upon the most exalted Merit of any Fellow-Subject

Subject whatever ; or else this mighty *Coloffus* cou'd never have risen to an Eminence above the high Birth of so many noble Superiours.

Having taken a short View of his Actions Abroad, it will be time now to return, and pay him our last Observance at Home, where we left him just settled by his new Sovereign in the greatest Favour a Q——n can confer, the most unlimited Power a Subject can possibly exercise ; and which is the more deservedly repos'd in their Hands, because of the modest Use, which he and his humble *Countess* have made of the generous Confidence their great Mistress had of their Integrity and Gratitude ; and so far have they been from converting this extream Favour to any Self-Interest, that nothing but *Coloffus's* exact and true Obedience to the Commands of his *Sovereign*, (so notoriously manifested thro' the whole Course of his Life) cou'd have induc'd him to submit to the Trouble of any higher Dignity ; however, in pure Puncto of Compliance to the Royal Will, he is forc'd to bear the Burthen of being made a D—— and Companion of the Noble Order of the G—— ; and the particular Scorn and Contempt with which his Self-denying Partner in this Completion of Honour, receives all Degrees of Promotion, sufficiently, demonstrate the utter Abhorrence they have to all manner of Pride and Ambition : Nor is Humility the only remarkable Virtue they are so firmly united in, the extremely well suited Couple having just the same sympathetic Aversion to the base Allurements of Riches and Gain, as they have always express'd against Advancement and Honours, and the Advantages, which all other Favourites have turn'd to their own Use, our generous Pair have dedicated entirely to the Benefit of the Publick ; and it is so generally known, how sparingly they have made use of the Royal Bounty, either to enrich themselves, or advance even their own Children and Relations, that I will not add more upon this Particular ; but allow as much as a blind Man can, That the empty Praise of being number'd amongst the Faithful Servants, is all the Reward which they have ever had in View : And
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this Truth will easily manifest it self, from the grand Scheme which *Colossus*, and the Idols of his Power, whom he had rais'd, had laid down at Home, for supporting the publick Affairs to Advantage Abroad; the Aim of all their Measures hath been entirely directed to shortning of the War; and void of all manner of Endeavours to continue to themselves the least Interest or Imployment; that we are most infallibly assur'd of the Integrity and faithful Meaning of him and his Creatures, from their zealous Application to the publick Good only of Q——n and State, without any regard to their own private Advantage.

It seems, it is of late a most refined Piece of Mystery in Politicks to begin, in any difficult Undertaking at the wrong End, as the hopefullest Way of coming to a speedy and succesful Conclusion: To speak plainly, This is the Method by which *Colossus*, and his Associates, to establish their Power, have lead their S——n and C——ntry into the Misery and Length of a *Trojan* War, when half the Time might have finish'd the Work, had the Theatre been raised in the proper Land, the Land for which we contend; but that was not correspondent to their Designs at Home, *Colossus* cou'd not be spared so far from his Interest here; and without his Presence in Winter the Party is not safe; and the longer they can spin out the War, without a downright Discovery of their Aim and Intention, from the Necessity of Affairs, they are sure to continue to themselves the sole Power and Profit of the Administration: To this End, The proper Seat for the War is neglected, and it has been carried on in a Country, where all the Numbers under Heaven can make no considerable Progress: However *Colossus*, to Support his own Glory, takes Care to have all necessary Supplies there, whilst the Kingdom, where the great Efforts ought to have been made, is left languishing

and hopeless for want of Succour: However I doubt not, but our great Managers of this Affair have been well enough pleased with the Game they had to play for their own Interest. If at any time our Misfortunes in *Iberia* gave us Discontent, the Successes of *Caleffus*, blown about by the Trumpeters of his Faction, always disperst those Clouds; and the Noise of his continual Conquests lull'd the unthinking Multitude into a pleasing Hope of our Condition. When alas! All the while, (by the very Contrivance of our own Physicians) we were languishing under the most desperate Consumption that could be; and all those celebrated Victories have been much more conducing to the Fame of the General, than Advantage of our poor Nation, that will continue to Bleed a great while through those very Wounds. How many Millions of Money? How many Thousands of brave *B-----s* have been buried in a Country almost Impregnable, to satisfy the Ambition of one Man? And after Nine Years wonderful Success, the War is but just commencing a-new; but with a better Prospect, I hope, since by a late Vote of the grand Assembly of the Nation, it looks, as if dear bought Experience at last was a going to make us wise; and I heartily wish they may not only pursue so glorious a Beginning, but make Examples to all Posterity, of those *False Brothers*, who have led us so long and designedly out of the Way. These are the Men who have so lavishly wasted our Blood, and exhausted our Treasure, by prolonging the War to enrich themselves, and ingross the Administration of Affairs in their own Hands; and when the Nation had been sufficiently impoverish'd for their purpose, I doubt not, but they would quickly have found an Opportunity of putting some further Secret and sinister Designs in Execution. From the Steps they have
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been treading in, these many Years; They plainly tell us, there was a hidden mysterious Piece of Work upon the Anvil, else, what cou'd be the Meaning of their universal Endeavour to exclude all Men from the least Office of Trust, that ever were suspected to have any Affection for Monarchy, Religion and Government, as establish'd by Law? And it is plain, What good Intentions they had towards the Q—n and P——t C——h, from their indefatigable Pains, and immense Charge, in corrupting all the Corporations they cou'd, to fill the Senate with such Men of their own Principle, as were known Enemies to all Thrones, whether Kings or Bishops. 'Twould make a Volume to repeat all the Designs of this restless Republican Faction; there is no Mischiet which could answer their Purposes, that they have not been consulting; there is no Society of Men in the Nation that they have not attempted to infect by their Poison and Money; nor any ridiculous upstart Sect of Religion, which they have not stir'd up to fly in the Face of their National Church; and cou'd they have carried their Point in taking away the *Test*; I doubt not, but by this time, we might have been most divinely govern'd by a Set of Republican Elders, instead of Episcopal Clergy.

Nor would these thorough Reformers stop here, could their Wills rule as formerly: We have had a Taste of their Loyalty as well as Religion; and I make no doubt, but Her M——y is very well assur'd what Trust she can put in the Fidelity of such good Subjects, who have had the Impudence publicly to Dispute Her Hereditary Right to the Throne of her Ancestors before Her own Face.

Whilst these Things are carrying on at Home, the designing *Colossus* is not unactive Abroad, but with all Secret, invisible Cunning imaginable, has for many Years been modelling in his peculiar Station, that the Interest of his Party might not want the Support of a Military Assistance upon Occasion. This was a Work of the greatest Niceness and Difficulty; but therefore the fitter for his vast Genius, that is able to overcome all Things: And he has accordingly shewn his Dexterity in an entire Regulation of so many different and unruly Tempers to his Will and Pleasure, That he might be able to say, (if a convenient Time offer'd) That he has now no fewer Creatures than Soldiers in his Army. What General, from the Time of that great villainous *Predecessor*, (for whom at first this Glass was made) can Boast so successful a Piece of Management besides the fortunate *Colossus*? And to have an Army compos'd of almost all Nations, more entirely at his Command than if they were all of his own, seems something Mystrious; but therein lies his chief Happiness, and even in the Troops of his own Country, it has always been his Maxim and Care, to admit as few Natives as possible to be Officers, lest the Natural Affection to their Mother, might debauch them from a Conformity to his Purposes, when Time might serve. But this Defect in our Brethren, *Colossus* has amply supplied in the Choice of his next Door Neighbours, whose Virtue and Qualifications are much better adapted to his Designs: And therefore it is that his Favour is so largely bestow'd upon them without Reserve, the unfortunate *Britain* is now born with Original Sin, and the happy *Sclavonian* is the only Man, who can Merit the Esteem and Friendship of the *British Colossus*. These are the only Men worthy to be admitted into his Confidence; and as their Deserts are always of a multiplied Nature,

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the Reward has been suitably proportioned by Wholesale: So that it is a customary Thing to see a *Slavonian* a General, a Colonel, a Captain, a Governour, and an Ambassador; and if it had not been for a certain sort of a Drag, which Nature unluckily has laid upon the Tongue, that renders the Speech something unintelligible, together with a small Defect in the Intellects, I know not, but that in Process of Time, out of these Bosom Friends, *Colassus* might have elected our Bishops also; By Nature they are equally fitted for all manner of Employments: And, in short, it is manifest, he has thought nothing too considerable to engage them to his Cause, which, (from a flattering Prospect that a late happy Turn has given us) I hope at last may come to be fairly heard by his P—rs; and then let these Darlings of his Soul drink their own Damnation in as large Bumpers as they please, those Mischeifs we see fall only upon their own Heads: Yet these are the People, to forward whose Advancement, he has so easily shook off the Sense of his Duty and Obedience, and dares attempt even to Bully the Sacred Throne that has made him so Great. I cannot use a milder Expression, when a Subject can be guilty of so high an Insolence to the Kindest, Best of Princes! If it were possible, this was almost exceeding the audacious Presumption of his other Half; To dispute the Power of the Sovereign, by whose sole Authority it is that we act in every Capacity in the Army, was an unprecedented Piece of Assurance: And what is still an Aggravation, to do it in Favour of a Man, who was so far from having the least Shew of a just Pretension, that he had receiv'd fifty Times the Reward that his Service and Merit could claim, except what is dated from the Nature and Birth-right of being a *Slavonian*: And we have a true Instance of the Principle of Reverence to the Q—n, and those in Authority under Her, which *Colassus* has grafted in his

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Favourites, in their late affectionate Cups of Confusion and Damnation to those whom Her M——y had thought worthy of the cheif Power and Administration of Her Government. We might be sure to have a Set of most wonderful Preservers of the Liberties of this Land, if, after the Example of their Head, the Members of the Army are but admitted to dispute with Her Majesty the Right of Electing those, who shall be appointed to serve under Her; and what Privilege (for at this Rate it will not amount to a Prerogative) can we allow a Crown'd Head, where we not only deny the long confess'd Hereditary Title to the Throne, but endeavour to rob them of the common customary Right, which all Subjects enjoy of chusing their own Servants? And all these Acts of Undutifulness are further corroborating Proofs of the disinterested Loyalty, the uncorrupted Fidelity, the submissive Obedience and unspotted Honour, with which this great Favourite, for a Succession of Four R——ns, has been discharging the greatest Trusts that ever were repos'd in, and acknowledging the highest Obligations that Monarchs can confer upon, a Subject; and it is to set these *Cardinal* Virtues in their true Light, that I have given my self the Pleasure of rubbing up an old fashion'd Glass: Nor is it at all to my Purpose, whether the Person whom it shews can be Convicted of designing to revive *N—l's* Tragedy again, or not, we are sure that something has led him into a most insufferable Forgetfulness of his Duty, supported by a most indefatigable and powerful Party, whose Actions are so manifestly void of all Sense of Regard to their Sovereign, and so openly proclaim War against our establish'd Religion and Government, that 'tis impossible for these Men and their Adherents to intend any good to their Country; and I shall always think it a Duty of Nature, incumbent upon every honest Man, to oppose, and set them in
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publick View as much as possible. From this Motive, I have taken the Pains to recollect and publish the Virtues and Endowments of their worthy Chief, and leave the Reader to judge what we are to Hope or Fear from such extraordinary Qualifications: I acknowledge our great *Colossus* has not arriv'd (nor I hope ever will) to the Perfection of his mischievous Predecessor: Yet, because, I am thoroughly satisfied we are not Indebted to his Modesty, I have chose to represent him in this Manner, however, as a well wishing Disciple: *Rome* is not to be built in a Day. We must come gradually from one Thing to another; but if a Subject can but once fix himself in a Generalship for Life, we know he may step afterwards to what Degree he thinks fit, even tread upon the Throne at Pleasure. The *Roman* People shook Hands with their Liberties the very Day that *Cesar* became Dictator; and at Home, we have had so late a dreadful Instance of this Kind, as will oblige us to commemorate the Misery of it for many Years to come. I will not say positively, that any Man amongst us has been really designing to bring this Plague into his Country; but by the unruly Motions of a Faction here, the constant Expressions of some Favourers of it abroad, confirm'd by *Colossus's* Personal Irreverence to Her Majesty, every true Subject ought to be justly alarm'd; and, I hope, whoever shall read this (by comparing the former Examples of his Goodness, his most remarkable Sense and Principle of Religion, his stedfast Loyalty, Gratitude and resign'd Obedience to his King, and his singular Justice and Generosity to all Mankind, with the fresh Appearances of these present Times) cannot but have a true Understanding of his Nature and Design; and, I doubt not, but they will easily lead them, with me, to a perfect Knowledge of his Virtue and Honour, or to an utter Abhorrence and Abomination of his Falshood and Vice.

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To conclude all, I shall only beg Leave to borrow Six Lines from I know not whom; but a Poet, who seems to have a true Knowledge of, and just Value for his Worth, and contrary to the Custom of most other Authors, who Place their *Latin Auxiliaries* in Front, I shall appoint mine to bring up the Rear, under the old Soldier Captain *Fine*, who perfectly understands the Manner and Form of saluting a *Colossus Hero*, and which all *Martins* have unanimously agreed is to be thus perform'd over the Left Shoulder.

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*Conspiciant vada te Lethi nec lucida fama
 Infusa victoris sit tibi carminibus
 Aspiciant preceps O curis te tempora pressam
 Turbida nec fugiat hoc caput exitium
 Convulsus bene Dux iriduit cui nomina Regis
 Gratia non virtus fors vaga non tua laus.*
